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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR HARRIMAN ON ANTI-  
APARTHEID CONFERENCE PREPARATIONS

REF: LAGOS 8317

1. HARRIMAN INSISTED IT HAD BEEN DECIDED "EVERYBODY CAN  
COME TO THE CONFERENCE EXCEPT REUTERS AND THE SOUTH  
AFRICANS." HE PERSONALLY DISAPPROVED OF THE REUTERS EX-  
CLUSION BUT WOULD NOT FIGHT IT HEAD ON LEST THE LARGER  
VICTORY BE JEOPARDIZED. HE WOULD NONETHELESS QUIETLY EN-  
COURAGE THE ACCREDITATION OF A REUTERS MAN FROM NEW YORK  
UNDER A UN LABEL. HE SAID SCOTT EMUAKPOR SHOULD HAVE AC-  
CREDITED THE NBC TEAM BUT THERE WERE APPARENTLY TOO MANY  
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FAINT HEARTS AFRAID OF FILMING OF LAGOS SLUMS. HARRIMAN  
SAID "YOU HAVE TO TAKE THE BAD WITH THE GOOD", ADDING THAT  
HE HAD SENT SEVERAL TELEGRAMS ON THE MATTER TO GARBA. HE  
HAD ALSO BEEN DISTURBED BY REPORTS OF VISA REFUSALS IN  
LONDON TO REPUTABLE BRITISH JOURNALISTS.

2. I ASKED WHAT THE PROCEDURE WOULD BE FOR THE FUTURE.

WHAT ADVICE SHOULD WE GIVE TO JOURNALISTS? HE SAID THEY SHOULD SEEK ACCREDITATION FROM KOROYE AT THE NATIONAL THEATER OR FROM AMBASSADOR SOKOYA, NEW DIRECTOR OF THE INFORMATION DEPARTMENT AT MEA.

3. COMMENT:ALTHOUGH PERHAPS SOMEWHAT MORE EPHEMERAL THAN USUAL (BY VIRTUE OF THE POUILLY-FUISSE AND THE BURGUNDY), HARRIMAN EXUDED BLITHE NONCHALANCE IN THE FACE OF ORGANIZATIONAL AND BUREAUCRATIC PITFALLS THAT WOULD DISMAY LESSER MEN. WHEN I TOLD HIM OF OUR CONCERN THAT THE FMG MIGHT NOT PAY ITS MANPOWER TRAINING DEPOSIT ON TIME, HE CHEERFULLY EXPLAINED THAT THE FMG HAD NOT YET GIVEN HIM A CENT FOR THE ANTI-APARTHEID CONFERENCE AND HE THEREFORE COULD NOT EVEN BOOK HOTEL SPACE BECAUSE HE DID NOT HAVE DOWN PAYMENT MONEY. "DON'T WORRY", HE COUNSELED; "THE FMG WILL COME THROUGH IN THE END."

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